



Seasons gratings



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SQUAT IT
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HAPPENING

12/9
* σ squats council MT in Camberwell.
Had approached them to negotiate a
lease and told to piss off. Sooo
what else can you do....squat it.

13/9
* MOH evict a 7mth squat in Braybrook.
Waited till the ♀ took her kid to
school and then swooped. Had to pay
\$100 to get her stuff out of 'storage'

* Squatters in Calton negotiate a week extra stay, and maybe more once they talk to the other owner.

* Pigs hassle out above squatters and try to evict, despite having allready made arrangements with one of the owners.

* Another squat starts up in Dallas.

* And in the continuing saga.. Carlton
squat is finally evicted. Still it
was a good try.

* Event of the year.. The Squatters Union Bennenefit Gig. Slam dance til you riot. We're still recovering...

- * Best way to get rid of a hangover, working bee at a squat in collingwood
- * ♀ squats MOH mt in Doveton. More mts in the area....

* Carlton evictees find a new place in Preston. Things are going well so far.

* New squat opens in Airport West.

- * two year old mt put to use in Lillydale.
- * MOH mt squatted in Preston.

* ♀ rings in a few empties... 22 in all, in dallas.

* And yet another squat starts up in dallas.

* SU gets a friendly visit from the thugs in blue. Apparently the real estate institute of aust. found something offensive in our how-to-squat pamphlet. The threat to their profits perhaps.....

* q evicted from squat of 3 months so the house can be sold to investors.



- * new squat in Richmond
- * 800 people in Hoyts solidarity demo.

* BLF Renactment[1st. Anniv of Police raid on offices] and demo of 150 people in Mall.

* Re-enactment of police raid on BLF office and demo of 150 in Mall.

* New squat in Brunswick.

* Anti-warships demo.

* Young person calls wanting union's support as a family of birds was about to be evicted.

* Another visit by Thexton from the CIB: he left to the strains of the No Comment song filling the halls of the fire station.

18 + 19/10

* The Union band takes Dandenong and Frankston by storm: they also give a ticket inspector on the bus between an earful.

21/10

* Factory squatted in Hawthorn.

24/10

* Railways ask for \$94,000 in back rent from Railway carriage squat in West. Has been going 9 years.

25/10

* The SUV gets it's answering machine back[talk about a saga.]

28/10

* Demo by Tenants over closing of Maidstone MOH rent office, forcing people to travel 5 Km. to pay the rent. [the office was so scared of an occupation they removed the reception desk behind bullet proof glass !]

* JR Ewing quakes as another ♀ squats in Dallas.

2/11

* Picket of City Hall
* new squat in Footscray.

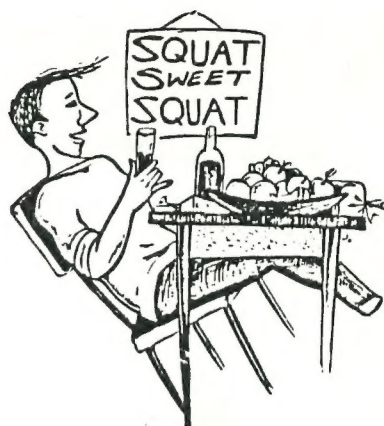
5/11

* Benefit gig for Sec. Students mag, Activate raises \$100. At Fire Station.

10+11/11

* Working Bees at Fire Station prep-are for all new community cafe there: as soon as it happens - call the union on 481 8097 for details...

As usual there was a steady flow of enquiries, school projects etc... There were even a few donations in response to the heartwarming pleas for money we sent out in our fund-raising drive



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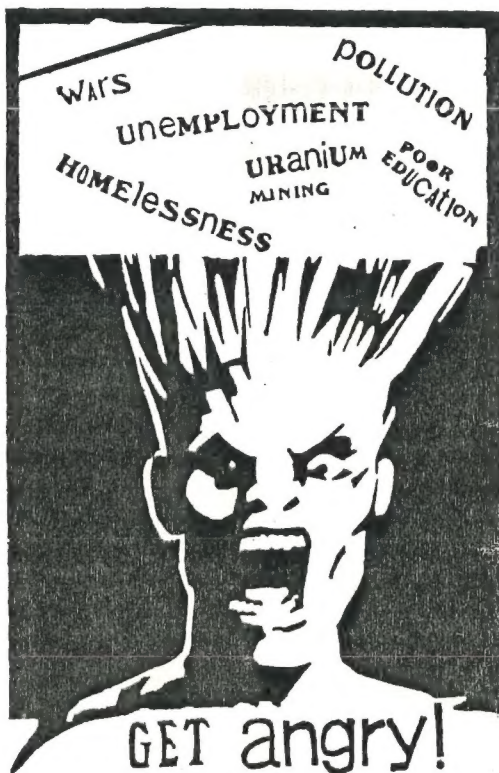
get your very own batch of the groovy,
multi coloured multi purpose Squatters
Union stickers...16 designs,4 colours

WOW...OWO...WOW...OWO...WOW...OWO....

CONTRIBUTE NOW!

If you think Squat-It says the same things all the time, then you're bloody right..... the same cops are enforcing the same laws which protect the same parasites who are raking in the same profits at the expense of the same people who are kept in the same position...silenced, dispossessed and poor...the same crap is being churned out by the same media barons to justify the same lies perpetrated in the interest of the same rulers to keep us uninformed, unorganised and obedient.

They call it Democracy. They taught us about it at school. But they didn't tell us that only some people benefit from things always staying the same.



So if you want Squat-It to say something different, you're gonna have to create something different. It's not a beautiful world... (it could be)...Nothing's gonna change until we stop hiding and take back what is, and always will be, rightfully ours.

ORGANISE AND RESIST!!!

CONTRIBUTE NOW!

SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO 'SQUAT IT'
301 ST GEORGES RD, NTH FITZROY.....

Only 23 more shoplifting days til Christ's Massacre



Yes that's right folks, what you've been working towards all year. The best goddamn excuse we've come up with yet to sponge all your money out of you! Now you just relax, take it easy and let your money flow free, right into our pockets....

Now you just sit back, crack open a tinnie and start getting into the festive season. Don't worry about a thing and let us show you just how easy it is to spend your hard earned \$\$\$. With our easy repayments plan, easier still if you don't read the fine print, you can buy for next to nothing now and ten times the price in the future!! No Problems. Sit back, relax, and let us take you for a ride.....

Take a look at all these things we're gonna make you think you want to buy! Wage Slavery will be so much easier when you can come home and veg out with your all-new, all-in-one, remote control, don't have to lift a finger colour tevee-video-stereo unit. It makes it easy not to think after a hard day's work. Suits us. Suits you. And you'll be continually subjected to our latest advertising gimmiks to keep you spending your hard earned \$\$ even after the Christmas rush is over.

But don't be satisfied with that! At the rate we keep putting out new models, think of all that added incentive to keep working. And, as if that wasn't enough, all our models products have an exclusive built in in obselecence factor of 3 years. So So you'll have to buy a new one soon anyway!!!

And take a look at this!!! An all-new automatic stubby opener. Just right for the christmas season. So Quick. So Convenient. It makes getting pissed a breeze. And think of how popular your christmas party will

CHRISTMAS

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Retail Stores and The Banks

CHRISTMAS SHIT!

be. And we've got a special offer,
-just for you- pay double the price,
and we'll throw in - absolutely free -
(except for postage, handling and
delivery) A free stubby!!!!!!
BEAT THAT!! We know you'll beat your
wife with it.

And speaking of the little missus...
Show her how much you really care.
Buy her this beautiful, automatic,
cordless meat tenderiser. Just think
(not too hard) she'll be able to serve
up your christmas chops just the way
you like them. And think how Impres-
sed your colleagues will be when you
invite them home for that "Oh soooooo
important" business dinner. AND they
come in a wide range of decor colours
so there's sure to be one to suit her
kitchen.

Christmas comes but once a year,
And you can be sure we'll make
as much money out of it as possible

And of course we couldn't forget the
little ones now could we. Why they're
the biggest suckers of the lot!
They still believe in Santa....
Don't let your kiddies be dissappointed
when Santa forces his way down your
chimney. For little johnny we have a
wide range of pretend-to-be-Rambo
macho toys. Train 'em while they're
young. All the kids in the neighbour-
hood will want one - thanks to our
advertising!!!!

And your little girl would just one
of these beautiful Cindy dolls. She
comes complete with make-up, stiletto
heels, body deoderants and a high
fashion wardrobe. Just what your
little girl needs to become a little
woman. Available in every shade of
pink in the rainbow.
She'll love you for it.... at least
until next Christmas.

And while your doing your Christmas
shopping, don't forget to get the
kiddies photo taken with Santa him-
self. He'll be there, in person, in
anyone of our 300 stores all around
the country!!

Merry Christmas, Seasons Greetings,
Happy New Year, Have a Good One,
and we'll suck you dry next year...

Jesus Christ was crucified
upon a dollar bill
Santa Clause is reserected every year
to help celebrate the christmas cheer
and help people buy presents,
oh so dear.

Upon the fated day
a million fattend lambs
are slaughtered
their blood drooling down
the dribbling families shirts
as they work away at sawing
through the tender flesh.
The shinny gifts are unwrapped
in greedy glutenous glee
a yearly show of love
sponsored by Myers and the banks
giving out credit
so it all seems free

Far across town
in tiny dumpy houses
families force down baked beans
its their only christmas meal
Children with tear filled faces
ask the question why
they were left behind
when santa clause
came down the chimney
on that starry, starry night
and why kids at school
ride around on shiny push bikes
that came to them
on that same sad night.

Parents hang their head in shame
as they try so hard to explain
that being poor doesn't mean your bad
just that you can't buy presents
that flash upon the tevee screen,



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EVERYBODY LISTENS

Racist state repression and community resistance are making this a regular column- with resistance moving from Redfern to Northern W.A.

Graham Wally was found hung in his cell on the 23/10 - the 33rd Nunga [the word used by W.A aborigines like Koori in S.E Australia] to die in police custody since 1980. There were no banner headlines for Graham, on the 1/11 the Royal Commission into Black Deaths agreed to a request from the W.A police union to reduce publicity about the commission 'lest it cause any more deaths'. Meanwhile the commission refused to allow allegations from the family of Rob Walker to be read out. Rob died after being bashed by prison guards for 20 minutes.

Graham's funeral a week later was marked by the bussing up of hundreds of outside agitators[the police] to Geraldton - scene of a riot in July. The town was patrolled by groups of baton wielding thugs with divvy vans making regular sweeps with search lights. The racist mayor of Geraldton announced that if she wanted to talk to some blacks she would go down to the TAB and 'this is a beautiful city with beautiful people black and white'.

State and police provocation has been stepped up recently with the police declaring all the Nunga's cars 'unroadworthy', arresting 8 year old kids for shop lifting and stopping buses, dragging people off them and arresting them and the DSS harassing people by asking them questions about matters up to 10 years old.

The Nunga communities of Northern WA aren't taking this lying down. As well as organizing for community elders to attend at police stations when people are arrested, in outback areas where police numbers are lower, community anger has at times boiled over into justifiable actions of community self defense.

At Halls Creek in far Nthn W.A in August, 18 people were arrested after defending themselves from the police with rocks. On the 31st/10 in Cue, 350 km Nth West of Geraldton the police tried to arrest a woman who was saved by mass community resistance. The police were forced to flee to the back of the pub, while their car was burnt. It took an hour for reinforcements from 100km away to arrive to rescue the town's two policemen.

Ten arrests were made.



Neither the repression that forces a community to physically defend itself, nor the intensified repression that invariably follows a riot are pleasant things. But while there are murderers in uniform off the leash- they are necessary. The woman who was rescued from the police at Cue, may have been the 34th statistic. As yet no police officer or jail warden has been punished for any of the deaths in custody.

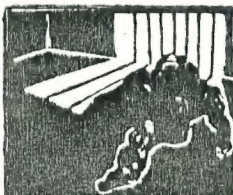
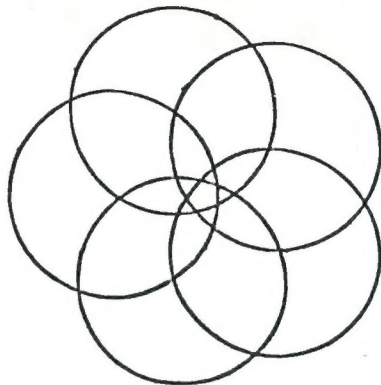
GRAPPLING WITH MULTIPLE RELATIONSHIPS

A gathering of non-monogomous people to share experiences, joys, insights and problems. Discuss the implications for society of non-monogomous life-styles.

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER
9:30am til lateish
18 Garden street Brunswick

bring food to share if possible
wheelchair accessible
if assistance with childcare is
needed please ring.

for further information and to
book a place please ring;
Helen 3806057.



N.S.W. Aboriginal Deaths In Custody Watch Committee
PO Box 65, Broadway N.S.W. 2007

WHAT PRICE JUSTICE!

IT COSTS \$64 A DAY TO GET TRANSCRIPTS FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO BLACK DEATHS IN CUSTODY.

THESE TRANSCRIPTS FROM ALL FOUR COMMISSION HEARINGS ARE ESSENTIAL IF THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND BLACK RIGHTS IS TO FULFIL ITS ROLL OF PROVIDING AN OVERVIEW INTO BLACK DEATHS IN CUSTODY.

Police and the state governments have almost unlimited access to funds and resources. To them \$64 a day is nothing! Meanwhile Aboriginal people and their supporters are being effectively discriminated against and justice will not be done if these transcripts cannot be used by CDBR's legal representatives.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

PLEASE GIVE TO THE WATCH COMMITTEE'S TRANSCRIPT FUND

All money raised will go toward buying transcripts of each Royal Commission hearing. We need people to make a single donation, or, if you can afford it, to make an ongoing commitment to the fund.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE CONTRIBUTION FORM AND MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

NAME

ADDRESS

COMMITTEE

AMOUNT

EVERY day is ♀'s DAY!

Recently the ♀ of the SU got together to talk about ♀ day, which has been every friday. Has? i hear you ask. Yes we decided not to continue with it for a number of reasons. Initially ♀ day happened so that ♀ in the union could get together and learn the necessary skills to participate fully in the union. They felt this wasn't happening effectively in mixed company. due to both men's lack of enthusiasm for sharing skills and ♀ deferment to men. Currently we feel that ♀ of the union are learning skills and that issues of gender politics are being looked at within the union adequately in a mixed environment.

We also saw a lack of support from ♀ in the squatting community of ♀ day, suggesting it may not be necessary now as it was when it was first innitiated.

The union is still interested and involved in ♀ issues and will always continue to be. Some of us would like to organise workshops and skill sharing days for ♀ but with the many other activities we are involved in we need input from other ♀ If you are interested, please give us a call- 4818097. Or drop in to the fire station - 301 st georges rd nth fitzroy.

The Squatters Union are actively involved in the struggle against the oppression of the patriarchal society in which we live and support all ♀ struggle for self determination.

Every day can be ♀ day.



EXPO SE '88

All they offered was late,
We just sat iddle in a police state,
Cause we couldn't relate,
Now it's getting too late,
But we still got the police state,
Could unite, no use at any rate,
In our welfare state,
Knew a girl named Kate,
She could relate,

Cause her old man,
Ran the state,
But in her lead grew the hate,
That would destroy the state,
But it was all too late,
Coz the old man fell over fate,
And didn't get voted in again.



MARKED MANSON '88.

Racist attacks on the increase...



Racist neo-nazi thugs have been active in Melbourne in the past few months. Attacks on Indo Chinese migrants appear to be on the increase and National Action has increased it's output of propaganda, including a new tactic of varnishing stickers to make it impossible to tear them down.

On the 11th/10 they struck at a school education project built by Community Aid Abroad and members of Melbourne's African community, and burnt 4 of the 5 huts down, and came back a week later to get the last one.

The huts were built to educate people about the reality of life in Africa - as opposed to the racist disinformation provided by the mass media of a continent full of people waiting for the west to send food.

120 people have rebuilt the huts and the project reopened on the 13th/11.

Below is the program of events for the next month:

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| Nov 20 | 2-4pm | African Hairbraiding Workshop |
| Nov 27 | 2-4pm | "ADZOHU" : Professional workshop
West African Dance & Drumming |
| Dec 4 | 12.30-2pm | "Women's Role's Throughout Africa".
Information Seminar. |
| Dec 11 | 2-4pm | Traditional African Cooking Class
by Fuad's "AFRICAN OONTA" |
| Dec 18 | 12-8pm | Three Reggae Bands- more info
closer to date. |

All these activities are supplemented every Sunday by

- * AFRICAN FOOD
- * TUKUL HUT THATCHING
- * PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY OF AFRICA
- * HAIR PLAITING

"INTO AFRICA" happens at CERES Farm, 10 Lee St, Brunswick
Adults \$3 Children over 5: \$2

For more information ring Community Aid Abroad on 419 7111.



NO NAZIS!!



Basically, National Action are a fascist organisation, racist, nationalist and capitalist. Like Hitler with the Jews in Germany, 50 years before them, they claim that social diseases in Australia like unemployment, the result of an entire world system, are simply the result of asian immigrants. How ridiculous! Almost every country in the world is experiencing high unemployment and economic decay, so a few thousand immigrants, asian or otherwise, can obviously make no difference.

The fact is that unemployment affects migrants more than white anglo australians, whether they're from Europe, South America, the Middle East or Asia.

National Action claim that asian imports are ruining the australian economy (it's not my economy!) by flooding it with cheap goods made at a fraction of what it would cost in australia. NA are deliberately distorting reality here because the asian people who make these goods, like people everywhere, have absolutely NO control over what they produce, or where it is sold or for how much. All this is left up to their white American, European or Australian bosses, the bosses of multi national companies who move world production from country to country seeking low wages, a 'disciplined' workforce and tax havens.

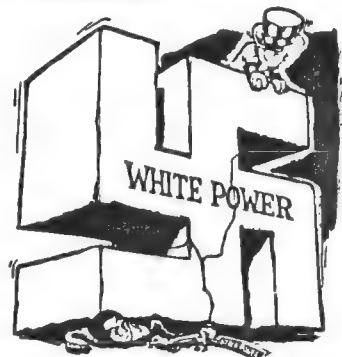
By spreading themselves around the multi-nationals can play the people of one country off against those of another, Keeping them divided and unable to fight together to rid everyone of the international capitalist death machine, and its symptoms like unemployment. So groups like NA, by helping to spread nationalist and racist hatred and by helping to divert attention from the real issues, are really helping out the huge multi-nationals and the capitalist system everywhere-they are helping them to 'divide and rule'. They are on the side of the bosses- even if they are too stupid to realise it.

Even though their racism ends up helping them out, NA claims to be against the multi-nationals, but their bizarre logic once again hides pure capitalist fascist ideas. Sure they'd like to the multi-nationals kicked out, but they'd do nothing about Australia's own capitalists. They'd just leave them totally free to exploit theshit out of us in exactly the same way.

Do we trust aussie bosses just because they're australian? Of course not! Australian bosses are bad enough as it is but if NA had their way, the RICH aussies would get richer much quicker, while the poor, of all races, would get nothing but stupid fascist propaganda.

As long as there is a world-wide capitalist system there will be world-wide unemployment. As long as australia remains a capitalist country, whether the bosses are dinkum or not, there will be social problems in australia like unemployment.

This is common sense.



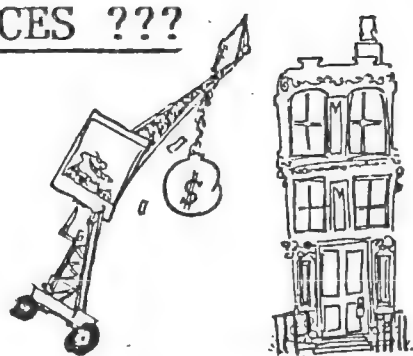
NA, who claim to be 'in the vanguard of all movements which challenge in any way the power set-up in this country' are clearly talking bullshit. Their ideas do nothing but support all the worst aspects of today's fucked world. They do nothing to challenge the most important power structures in society that fuck people up, like capitalism, the patriarchy or the state. Instead, they try to blame a few thousand immigrants for australia's problems, then try to kid us that if we kicked out the multinationals, our own home grown capitalist exploiters would give us a better deal... National Action - what a joke.



HOMES OR SOLD FOR OFFICES ???

Despite sincere pledges to maintain the level of residential housing in the inner city, some elements of the Melbourne City Council have been persuaded, probably by the shimmer of millions of dollars, to want to sell off some council owned houses to developers. The fourteen houses in Capel Street, two of which are squatted after being left empty for months, were to be used for low-income housing, but it seems offices are more important, or more profitable. But the residents of the street aren't prepared to sit back and let the city council evict them without a fight.

On wednesday 2nd of November, a picket was organised by local residents and the Squatters Union to let the council know just what we think of their care-less profiteering. Held outside the town hall in Swanson St, traffic sewer of Melbourne, we gave out leaflets and raved with passersby about the council sellout and the plight of residents. Some people we spoke to had experienced similar things, being chucked out of their homes due to development. When land owners prioritize the profits they can make thru development over housing people, no wonder we're living in a concrete



jungle. As the city pushes further and further out gobbling up residential homes in its wake, one wonders where its going to stop.

The other shitful thing about this situation is that while the residents of the street have got their shit together, formed a group together and know how they want the street that they live in to be, the council are handing down decisions from on high that effect peoples lives without even talking to them about it. People who live in the street can organise their own lives quite successfully without the interference of money hungry politicians and developers. The MCC, with their greedy developer friends that keep in their back pockets should just piss off and let the residents of the street get on with their lives.



...a 5% 'solution'...



Amidst much fanfare recently[4/11], Hawke announced the ALP's 'solution' to the housing crisis. It is going to give an extra \$40 million to emergency accommodation programs. This will provide housing for an extra 5,000 people ... but considering that there are 100,000 people homeless in Australia this token gesture isn't a solution- it's an insult.

The Age the day before had run their yearly article on how 'terrible the plight of the homeless is'. Plays were made for sympathy with lines like 'her arms are a mass of deep red scars and healing cuts.'

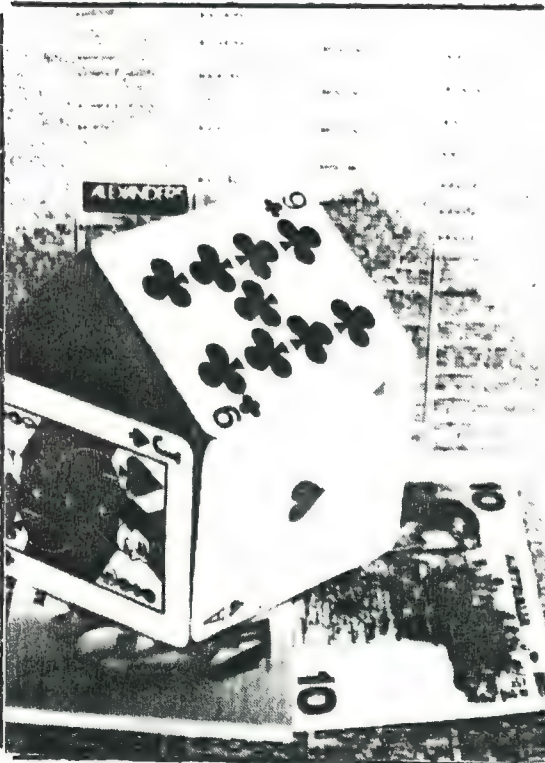
Time and time again the family was presented as a solution while the solution developed by the homeless themselves, squatting, was denigrated with contradictory crap like 'on the streets and sleeping in squats'.


The article only showed the tip of the iceberg of homelessness: no mention of young women forced to keep living in incestuous homes, overcrowded housing, paying half or more of your dole for a shitty hotel room etc. The emphasis of the article was that the streetkids needed bare - when obviously what they need is homes, money and an end to police harassment. They need community solidarity to defend their homes - rather than the Salvo's charity.

While the article did let slip the wide spread hatred for the junior prisons, Winlayton et al., it's true colours were shown twice: the reporter stood and watched while a woman was gang raped against the wall of the building next door; and the shit at the end about young people 'needing improved income support' as 'only a tiny % qualify for the youth homeless allowance'. The article neglected to mention that while the YHA is 3x the U18 dole - it's still about 50% under poverty line - again another insult

It's almost a year now since the under 18 dole has been cut and the crunch is beginning to show, youth refuges can on average now only house 10-15% of people who need housing, meanwhile, Fitzroy had no emergency relief funds for 6 weeks this winter and only a \$2,000 cheque in mid Sept ended the drought -for a while.

A solution is needed - but the ALP is not going to provide it and neither will the AGE. The solution is in our hands: to fight for community controlled housing and a living wage for all-and to tell Hawke to take his 5% and fuck off.





From a white point of view, the bicentennial has been a fizzer. There might have been 2 million people in Sydney to celebrate Invasion Day, but the govt. and the bicentennial authority haven't been able to sustain the patriotic nationalistic fervor all year.

In contrast, Aboriginal people and their supporters have kept the pressure on in highlighting the dispossession of Aboriginal people and their continuing oppression.

The year started with a spontaneous protest against the arrival of the tall ships in Melbourne, which caught the security guards by surprise.

Then there was Sydney on Invasion Day. Over 50 000 Aboriginal people and their supporters from around the country marched through the city's streets in protest, in mourning, but also in celebration of their survival and continuing resistance. It was a massive show of strength.

That night at Kurnell on the exact spot where Cook had landed over 200 years earlier, Aboriginal people from the Northern Territories Top End had an all night ceremony, renewing the earth, in memory of all those who had died resisting the invasion.

There were other demos during the year; against the opening of parl't. house in canberra in may, against expo '88 (the jewel in the bicentennial crown") in Brisbane in April against the re-enactment of the invasion in Tasmania in September.

Some Aboriginal people went overseas, making links with solidarity groups in Europe. Mike Mansell went back to Libya, drawing the wrath of white Australia yet again.

The Toomelah report was released in June showing, beyond doubt, that many Aboriginal people still live in conditions which, if reported in the so-called third world, would cause cries of outrage.

The attacks on Aboriginal people continued during the year. They were accused by some people of spoiling the party for every one else. Deaths in custody have not stopped, the latest being a young man in Western Australia in October. New RSL boss Alf Garland called for blood tests for people who identify as Aboriginal.

Gary Foley has said that Aboriginal people have won the propaganda war in 1988. In this sense the bicentennial has been a successful in raising the issue of Aboriginal rights.

Hawke's talk of a compact in late 1987 did not achieve its purpose of difusing Aboriginal anger and protests in 1988. It remains to be seen what 1989 will hold for the Aboriginal struggle, but this year they've shown that they will not go away, will not be bought off, and will continue resisting the occupation forces that, for 200 years, have denied Aboriginal people their land, their rights and their self-determination. The fight goes on....





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All proceeds to support K.I.C.'s survival

Come with your friends. Book a table.
Meet other supporters of
Aboriginal rights.

on Friday, December 2, 1988
starting at 7.30 pm
at the

Aborigines Advancement League
2 Watt Street, Thornbury.

\$20 per person (**\$15** concession) BYO

Food, live entertainment, speakers
and good company!

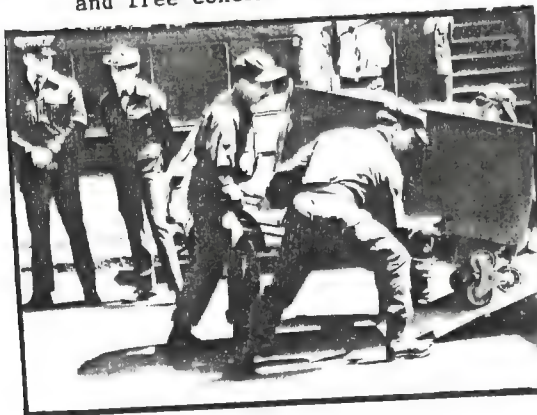
Bookings: Jo on 388 0496
or Barbara on 419 9250 or 25 5058

Warships?...Warshits!

The bicentennial Naval extravaganza didn't exactly go to plan when it hit Melbourne. Despite the police erecting a special security fence and mounting a 24 hour guard with 2 riot vans- the message got thru to the sailors on the ships and their bosses back home-they weren't welcome!

Two British ships sat for a day in the bay before going away due to seamens' union bans on tugboats assisting the ships into our nuclear free port. The Authorities however showed their contempt for public safety and let the other ships come in under their own steam.

There were 2 main demos, one involving 150 people on the Wednesday they came in and the main one on the Sudaay [16/10] when 1,000 demonstrated. The police were as usual extremely gung ho in defense of our invading vessels, almost trampling many demonstrators as 'they moved through the crowd' on horse back. Pro ANZUS demonstrators were given a warm welcome by the filth of course. The most imaginative action came from a group of workers in the sex industry with 'community service announcements from your local whores' and free condoms for the sailors.



Benefit rage for the Union

Well every one was happy at the end of the night on September 27th. The Squatters Union had made \$800,300 people had got to see 3 of Melbourne's best bands at a dirt cheap price, and they'd even got a free Squat it as they walked out the door.

The gig at the Sydenham was advertised by 3 pasteups and a pretty groovy cart on 3CR and by the famous wagging mouths of post Union Work meeting booze ups at the Sod club. Ta muchly to everyone involved and a big fuck off to the people who hassled the people making announcement in between the bands...I heard they got crushed to smithereens in the slam dancing in any case.



Join the SPECIAL SQUAD

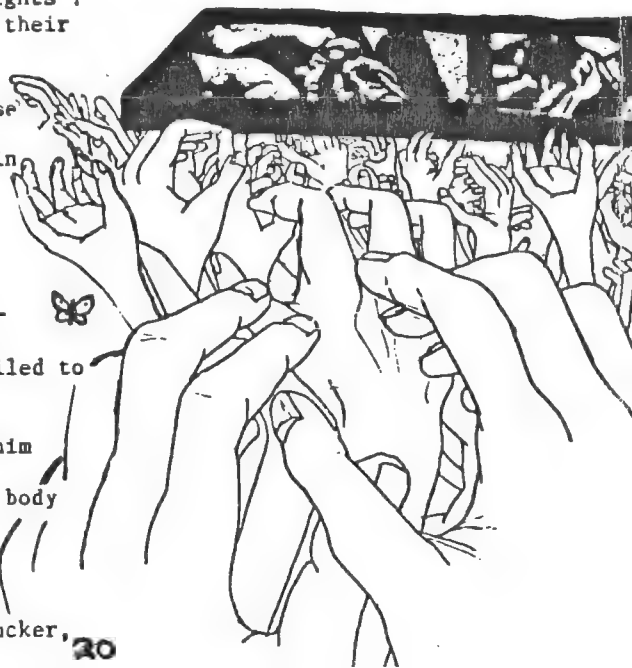
Well the BLF gave some very lucky members of the Union and some other bods from Defend the Unions the very special honor of being the filth in the re-enactment of the BLF raid of October the 13th last year. Under the able instructions of inspector Kerin[who'despite having been a draft resister still knew how to goosetstep] we donned our blue uniforms and wore our silly hats and had a jolly time being able to push and shove the scumbags from the mass media and the 100 or so 'counter demonstrator scum'.

Of course the reality ain't so pretty. A year after the raid was made legal 12 hours after it occurred, none of the allegations against the union have been proven and none of the stolen assets of the union have been returned. Yet: the bosses and the ALP can't kill a fighting union - and as the applause John Cummins got at the Hoyts demo on October the 12th this year showed: the BLF has got the support of a huge number of building workers - even if the BWIU with the help of the cops can force them to join it.

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I am no feeble Christ
 Not me
 He hangs in glib delight upon his
 cross
 Above my body
 Lowly me
 Christ forgive . Forgive?
 Holy He . He Holy . He Holy .
 Shit He forgives
 Forgive ? Forgive ?
 I ? I ? Me ? I ?
 I vomit for you Jesu
 Christy Chritus
 Puke upon your papal throne
 Wrapped you are in the bloody shroud
 of churlish suicide
 Wrapped I am in the muddy cloud of
 hellish genocide
 Petulant child
 I have suffered for you where ^{you} have
 never known me
 I too must die
 Will you be shadowed in the
 arrogance of my death
 Your valley truth
 What lights pass those pious heights ?
 What passing bells for these in their
 trucks ?
 For you Lord
 You are the flag-bearer of these
 nations
 One against the other that die in
 the mud
 No piety , No diety
 Is that your forgiveness ?
 Saint. Martyr. Coat. Billy.
 Forgive ? Shit He forgives
 He hangs upon his cross in self-
 righteous judgement
 Hangs in crucified delight , nailed to
 the extent of his vision
 His cross , his manhood
 As if I might have waited upon him
 in the garden
 As if I might have perfumed his body
 Washed those bloody feet
 This woman that he seeks
 Suicide visionary
 Death-reveller , Rake, Rapist ,
 Cravedigger , Earthmover, Lifefucker,
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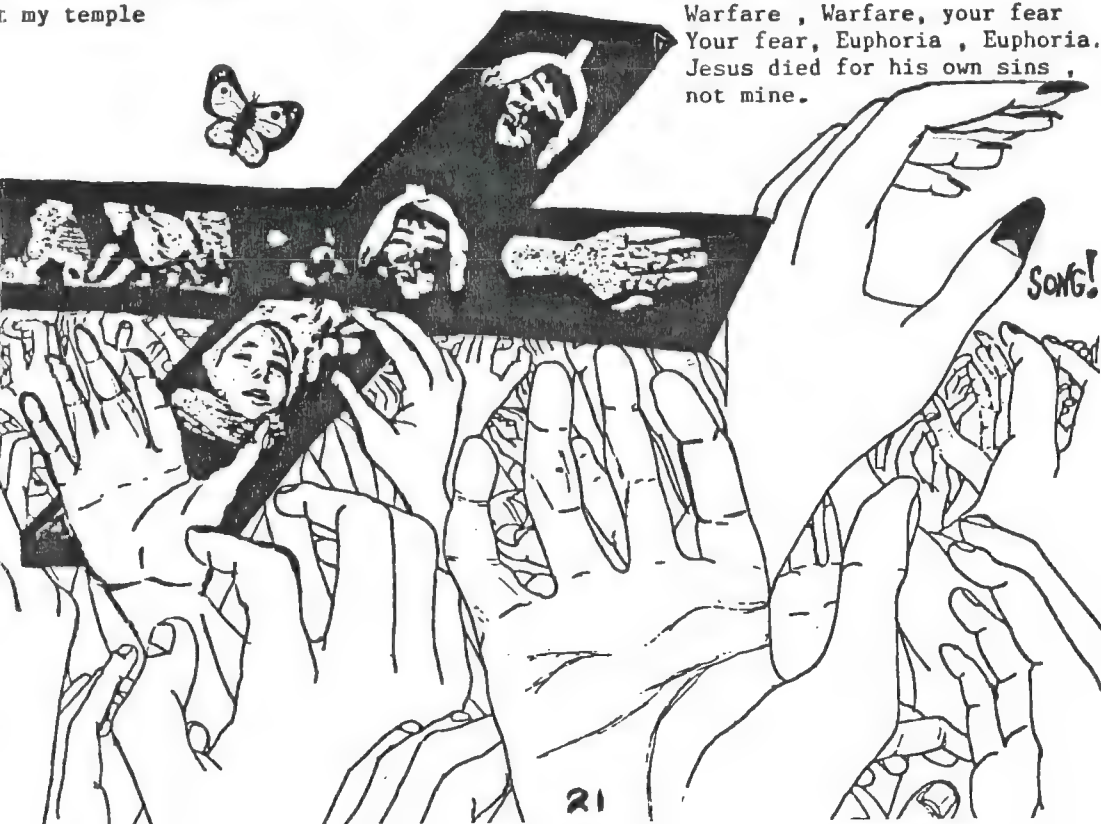
womanhood that you defile
In your guilt you turn your back
Nailed to that body
Lamearse Jesus calls me sister
There are no words for my contempt
Every woman is a cross in his filthy
theology

He turns his back on me in his fear
His vain delight is the pain I bear
Alone he hangs

His choice , his choice , alone ,
alone , his voice , his voice
He shares nothing , this christ
Sterile. Impotent .

Fucklove prophet of death
He is the ultimate pornography
HE , HE , Hearus Jesus
You sigh alone in your cockfear
You lie alone in your cuntfear
You cry alone in your womanfear
You die alone in your manfear

Alone Jesu , Alone
In your cockfear , cuntfear
Womanfear , Manfear ,
Alone in your fear
Alone in your fear
Your fear , your fear ,
Warfare , Warfare, your fear
Your fear, Euphoria , Euphoria.
Jesus died for his own sins ,
not mine.



DEAD COPS

are no TRAGEDY



When unemployed youth suicide because they can no longer live in the grip of extreme poverty it is a tragedy. When a relative or loved one suffers and dies unnecessarily because of an inadequate or underfunded public health system it is a tragedy. When aborigines have the life bashed out of them in a police cell it is a tragedy. When a workers' body is mashed to mince meat by machinery and unsafe work practices it is a tragedy. All of these events are virtually everyday occurrences in our twisted class society, yet they usually receive little or no media coverage.

Why is it then that Rupert Murdoch and the other media barons are bawling their eyes out over the death of two young cops shot down in Melbourne's streets in October?? What makes a dead cop matter when everyday deaths of people don't rate a mention? Is it because of the role cops play in protecting rich scumbags from workers and unemployed like us? To answer this question it is necessary to examine the reality of what cops do rather than passively accept the media promoted fantasies.

The motto of the Victoria Police Force is "UPHOLD THE RIGHT", and that is exactly what they do. All cops happily protect right wing politicians and bosses. They never question or rebel against orders to evict squatters, to jack boot their way through picket lines or to club protestors around the ears. Secret police tap the telephones of dissident people and groups. Agent Provocateurs are used to disrupt the activities of legal opposition groups.

If we lived in a just and fair society it could be argued that "we need someone to keep unruly elements in check". And who better than ourselves, organised into community defence and peace groups? But the truth is that we don't live in a reasonable society. This political and economic system is based on exploitation and corruption. The cops choose to side with the bosses and as a result they become oppressors themselves. The laws they enforce are made by the rich and are used to people under the thumb.

A quick glance at the figures will reveal that 90% of the legal system is set up to protect property, not people. Most of our prison population is made up of people who did not pay parking fines, petty shoplifters and vagrants etc. Rapists and murderers are a small minority. Often prisoners are there for victimless crimes like dope smoking or homosexuality (in Queensland). Our legal system is unjust, and the cops enforce it.

In any event the hypocrisy of the police force makes most of us want to throw up. Anyone who is streetwise knows that the cops run most brothels, gambling dens and drug running. Graft and corruption are a way of life for most cops. Investigations like the Fitzgerald Inquiry only reveal the tip of the iceberg. In terms of numbers, the cops easily outnumber the mafia and the Chinese Triads when it comes to organised crime.

So why do our wonderful politicians and media barons continually portray these ratbags as heroes? The answer is simple: the politicians and media barons are just as slimy as the cops are. In reality they are all in the same sordid business - protecting the bosses! Murdoch and company print lies about workers struggles, and politicians tell the same lies. The cops are there to do the dirty work in case any one wakes up to the scheme of things. They belong to a mutual back scratching society. Look how an army of cops was mobilised to protect Murdoch's newspaper empire in Wapping, England, from the printing workers he put on the dole. Could the Victorian ALP government destroy the BLF if they were not able to rely on the cheerful assistance of Victoria's storm trooping cops? Of course not!! The parasites who rule our earth today would be nobodies tomorrow if they didn't have cops, armed to the teeth to prop up their corrupt empires

The foundation stones of the capitalist society are greed and hate. The rich laugh at our poverty and suffering. They stuff their fat faces while others starve. The rich have every thing, and we have bugger all. The cops defend this inequality. Nobody twists their arm to force them to join the police. Every copper makes a free and conscious decision to become a dead shit when they sign up for the bully boys. They are our enemies.

We fight for freedom and cops enforce repression. We fight for justice and they protect exploiters. We are against racism and they kill Aborigines. A war is going on and the cops are active participants in it. While the death of a human being is never a good thing, the death of oppressors is no tragedy.

FROM SPARKS #16
TA HEAPS...

MORE THAN A JOB!

POLICE



MUCH MUCH MORE!



DETATCHABLE DIRECT DEBITED REPRESSION...



Ministry of Housing efficiency reached new heights last month when, without informing tenants the MOH took a step further towards direct debiting.

As usual the MOHs speed in evicting and repressing tenants is amazing compared to eg., taking 4 years to not do anything about tenant heating costs despite continuous tenant pressure...

In October rent offices in Maidstone and Western Port were shut, now tenants have to pay at National Banks. For tenants in the west this means having to travel to Footscray or Sunshine to pay their rents - the MOH made no special arrangements for elderly/disabled tenants or tenants with young children. Also no account has been taken of the fact that the region where the scheme was tested [South-East] happens to have the highest concentration of Nat. Banks in the state...

While for the moment, paying at the bank is 'voluntary', the move is clearly towards compulsory Direct Debiting. Tenants will have rent and energy bills taken out of their dole before they even get it... and after having experimented on public tenants and found D.D to be a good way of squeezing maximum profits out of them, DSS clients in private housing will probably be next.

Clearly, poor people's priorities according to the MOH should be 'Rent before Food'. The amount tenants are in rental arrears, statewide, in total is a mere 14 million - less than a jet fighter- and in reality, a pretty cheap way of keeping people off the streets...

Obviously, with thousands being plunged into deeper poverty because of D.D, petty crime on and around the estates is going to rise...luckily, Snr. Counstable Benjamin has been under cover on estates since 1983 and he's got a solution called EIRIS.

The Estate Incident Report Info. System will collect the names and addresses of 'suspects' [no presumption of innocence here!] of a range of crimes from noise to rape. It will be operated by MOH staff, security guards and the filth- and because it's basis is suspicion rather than proof it easily lends itself to abuse, discrimination and harrassment.

EIRIS was piloted in Collingwood from mid 86-87, and the evaluation recommended that including names and address, rather than just statistical data, was necessary as 'problems and suspects are inextricably linked' - there seemed to be no link between poverty, boredom and shitty living conditions tho...

Local tenant workers and tenants jacked up and as they had the power to make the system unworkable the MOH and police offered a negotiated settlement.

Now the names and addresses are going to be detachable [after photocopying!] with the names and addresses being left at the local offices...

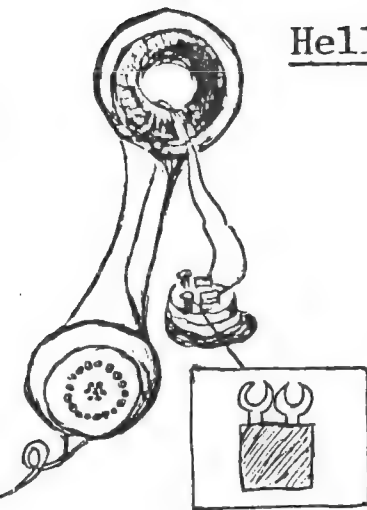
As any MOH tenant will tell you, that is precisely where the scope for harrassment through 'lost' files etc is highest. Negotiations are continuing, but these days the presumption of innocence seems to be a detachable notion...



Update.

The two Collingwood tenant groups have decided to oppose the EIRIS and have asked that it be withdrawn from their estates. They say that the police lack any understanding of the destructive consequences of implementing the scheme, that they lacked real commitment to evaluating the scheme, had attempted to use the media to pressure tenants into accepting the scheme and made 'spineless threats' about withdrawing liaison officers from the estates. Inspector Coster said 'there is nothing sinister about the scheme... we've had people openly laugh when we say that we want to improve the quality of life'...I wonder why?

Hello ASIO...



Humphrey Bogus reporting, Monday
the eighth, late in 88. Waalll
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the South side lasht night an'
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phone...the dirty buggers...Oi'll
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squatters and people in
prison... but if the rest
of youse don't subscribe
soon, when I get out of
here I'm going to eat you.

Just send some money to
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your karma free mag sent
to you in a plain paper
bag every 2 months...

DEMO.

Yet another rooming house is to be auctioned in the inner urban area.

Approximately 60 tenants are being evicted without having been given legal notice and without anywhere to go.

The property has been advertised for sale for private rental units or business development.

Come and demonstrate your anger at the auction.

<u>ON:</u>	Saturday 3rd December, 1988.
<u>TIME:</u>	12 noon.
<u>AT:</u>	72-76 Hotham Street EAST MELBOURNE also known as "Queen Bess Row"

Other housing activists, unionists and the media will be there!

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED

Banana peels...oops!...

Things aren't looking too bad in the struggle against the user pays Education Tax. Hopefully by the end of the year the scheme which involves students taking out an \$1,800 loan for each year or paying up and getting a 15% discount, will be on it's way to the dustbin of history along with the minister, Dawkins.

The workers who have to process the forms have voted to place blackbans with the endorsement of the Trades Hall exec. When these bans are backed up with sustained campaign of disruption, civil disobedience and mass stupidity by students, hopefully the banana peel the ALP's stepped on will remain greased with our spittle of disgust...

A footnote: don't trust the National Union to do anything - call the Inter-campus EAG coalition c/o 819 2966 for more info abot the campaign.



C'mon DARE DAWKINS

On the 25 of November John Dawkins will make his first appearance on a Melbourne campus since he was given a rousing farewell at Footscray in May. Nothing has changed: the policies of attacks on the CYSS program, the education tax and the privatisation of the education system still stand: and students and unemployed people's opposition to the ALP's schemes are as strong as ever. Don't expect this well heeled rat to show though - he's pulled out of his previous two Melbourne appointments due to the militancy of the Footscray demo and preparations for other demonstrations against him. So come along and dare Dawkins ...even if he doesn't show- we will.

BENEFITS CONTROL UNIT

HITS MELBOURNE

Everyone knows that AUSTUDY[ex TEAS] is a pretty shitful benefit to be on. not only is it at the same level as the 18-20 year old dole[\$91/week] but if students fail a year, they can't get it for their final year. People aren't considered independent from their parents for three years after being in the work force and the slowness of processing times is almost legendary.

Now there's the added benefit of student's very own hit squad-the BCU. The BCU first operated in Adelaide and kicked hundreds of students of benefits - now they're in Melbourne. If your're visited by the BCU, you don't have to answer any questions for 2 weeks- take your time and make the twits sweat.

The BCU was introduced because students, like other unwaged workers have to cheat the system to survive-noone should feel ashamed - a living wage is a right, and if you have to cheat to get it-then so what? The BCU is further evidence of how the gov't is taking it's gloves off for students - letting police make continual sorties onto campuses, running down staffing levels and now cracking down on AUSTUDY recipients as they have on unemployed people in the last year.

Well, sorry folks but

Dawkins was disinvented by La Trobe's Vice Chancellor b/c of fears of a student riot and the fact that the academics were planning to boycott the event.

So for all the news on the campaign,
listen to don't believe the hype,
on 3CR every Monday at 5.15 and
Tuesday at 11.30 am...

RECLAIM THE

WORLD...

On Friday the 28th of Oct over 1000 women stormed the streets of Melb in protest against the continual sexual violation of women's bodies in all its forms. Reclaim the Night is a women's event in which women show their anger at rape, pornography and sexual harassment in the street. Women are sick of being winked, wanked and wolf-whistled at and being afraid to walk the streets at night. Women want to dispel the myth that we should be safely at home with husband or mummy and daddy. Women are independent from men and should be able to walk wherever they want, whenever they want. The

march is an affirmative action of women's independence and solidarity in the struggle against the patriarchy in which we live.

The march gathered at the Treasury gardens at 8pm where we heard several speeches by women which were inaudible to those of us at the back of the due to a shoddy megaphone being used. This however didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the high spirited crowd which soon proceeded on to the city square.

The march was a bloody noisy one, what with women bashing drums, percussion, pots and pans, whistling and chanting. I doubt that anyone in the city that night could have ignored our presence.

The police attendance was surprisingly low (I guess it was only a bunch of women!)—as we stopped traffic, created havoc and smashed in the door of the sex shop in Swanston St.

The march finished at the City Square where more singing and dancing and a general fun time was had. From here most of the women headed off to a pub in West Melbourne to continue the festivities.

This year's march marked the 10th year of the celebration of women's strength and survival around Australia. It was inspiring to see so many women from different walks of life gathered to reclaim not only the night but the day and all the hours in-between.

RECLAIM THE WORLD



NIMBIN GLOWS IN THE DARK

Caught in Nimbin 12 years after "the" festival I witnessed a genocide. A race of beings known as DROOGS were wiped out by the thought police of the Tunnable bureaucracy. Once the droogs were the life blood of Nimbin and her surrounding communes, making music, poetry art and humour. Now they are shunned by all...too lazy, too dirty, too out of it. Once these qualities were part of coping with life on a hippy commune...perseverance through hardships, not having socially acceptable rules, the Age of Aquarius, alternative lifestyle bullshit.

The good guys won. You can recognize them by the gleaming white and fluorescent clothes they wear. Gone are the khaki overalls, bare feet, beads and dreadlocks, velvets and spangles. NIMBIN GLOWS IN THE DARK. "Oh, it's good in Nimbin now" they all say. The middle class feel quite secure there now.

They painted over the original walls of the rainbow cafe...the white death over the elaborate murals, poetry and graffiti which told the story of the pixieland days gone by. They put up rainbow curtains. In fact, they put rainbows all over the town. Like wow, even the butcher's shop sports a huge brand new rainbow sign.

But there were still scary monsters lurking in the streets and bars. So they herded up a posse of vigilantes and drove that weird mob clean out of town. So their kids could walk the streets at night. So now the place is full of middle class twits and their kids all running round with their heads chopped off thinking they are in Nimbin. Well it's fucking gone, gone gone, gone beyond. Passed over into the mists of time, like all the other spiritual societies, where money could not buy you love.

Their empires have been built on the capitalization of cannabis. They sold their soul for a few lousy dollars...well alot of lousy dollars actually. They don't even smoke it now. They killed the society that shared and smoked and laughed and loved high on grass so

that they could have all the things they needed to make the new age bearable. Brick houses, four wheel drive cars, trips away, colour T.V., electric lights, dinner parties, alot of trips away and the kids, they cost a lot. The kids are pampered menials. They must have the best so they can fit into normal society when they grow up and go out into the wide world. They won't be looked down on.

The droogs were a threat to the kids. The droogs were eliminated to save those kids from learning how to scam for food and money or take drugs or get dirty.

A winter's evening in the rainbow cafe 1984. A fire in the pot belly stove lit up the faces hidden behind long beards and dreadlocks and billowing clouds of smoke from the joints shared around the long wooden tables. Now, 1988, there are small select groups at the small tables, stuffing their faces with steak and bacon as they discuss the drug problem. The cappuccino set is here to stay...I hope they choke.



As Bourke Street was gearing up for the onslaught of yet another Saturday night, 50 people braved the high fashion crowds to picket Hoyts city cinema. The picket was another action in the on going saga of the Hoyts dispute. Hoyts reneged on an agreement regarding wages and staffing levels in cinemas throughout Australia. Without any negotiation with their employees representatives, the Australian Theatrical and Amusement Employees Assoc., Hoyts set about changing work practices in their cinemas. These unreasonable actions caused the workers to go on strike. The Conciliation and Arbitration Commission (hmm yes well...) ordered that Hoyts enable their workers to return to work under the conditions that existed prior to the dispute. Hoyts simply ignored this ruling and sacked more than 150 of its workers in Victoria and others interstate.



While they ignore the ruling of the Commission when they want to Hoyts are now also using it in an attempt to cut wages, in some cases by up to 40% get rid of overtime penalties and bring in an award exploiting young people by paying them as little as 40% of an adult wage and ensuring their sacking once they reach 17 or 18. Sounds like they got a few lessons in exploitation from McDonalds.

But Hoyts workers aren't about to lie down and be trampled by the corporate greed machine and after two months their determination is still strong. The first three weeks of the dispute saw a continuous picket outside the city cinemas. By this stage most of the workers were broke, because SS wouldn't allow them to receive unemployment benefits ('cause they weren't officially sacked) and had to find other jobs to support themselves.

Hoyts

Many other unions have come out in support of the workers. October 12 saw about 800 building workers, mainly organised by the BLF (I thought they were dead...) down tools and march to Hoyts in solidarity with the workers. Black bans have also been placed on Hoyts building sites. Teachers unions have boycotted Hoyts for schools excursions and many other unions have shown their support and solidarity with the sacked workers.

Saturday 19th saw the first mass picket outside the city cinemas. About 50 people showed up to try and raise public awareness about the dispute and encourage the community to boycott Hoyts. Movie goers were handed leaflets and asked to think about the issue before buying a ticket - an act which supports Hoyts management and their jackboot industrial tactics and effectively gives bosses the right to rip off their workers. Whilst many of the yuppies didn't want to know about it, many younger people were quite interested in the issue, and did in fact wander down the road to another cinema that doesn't use Hoyts-style tactics, well not yet anyway.

The success of the workers in this dispute relies upon community support. Since all Hoyts management (and the scabs they've currently got working for them) cares about is how much profit they make, the place to hit them is their wallet, by not letting them rip you off at the box office. Not that you would want to go to a cinema that gives you shitty service, has inadequate safety procedures and charges ridiculous prices anyway. By not going to Hoyts the community can say no to the exploitive profit machines that are ripping us all off.

Exploit...





STOP THE FRAME-UP

DROP THE CHARGES



On the 14th/10, Feds raided homes of anti-apartheid activists in Canberra and the office of the PAC [the Pan Africanist Congress which along with the ANC -African National Congress- is recognized as a representative of the people of South Africa]. They 'found' some 'black powder substance' and charged the PAC rep in Australia, Maxwell Nmadzihvanani, and his wife Kerry Browning with blowing up cars belonging to South African and American Diplomats. Bail has been set at \$15,000. The charges they face have a minimum penalty of 14 years jail.



The police took 200 bags of material from the PAC office [sounds like the BLF raid] including the addresses of PAC activists in Anzania [South Africa]- there are fears that this information will fall into the hands of the South African security forces-putting many lives at risk. In early October the new ambassador of the South African Regime demanded that the gov't kick the 'terrorist' ANC and SWAPO offices out.

The raid was well planned, with surveillance of Maxwell underway for three months previously, according to the police. It is interesting to compare the response of the police to the firebombing of the BLF offices, 2XX's transmitter and the anti apartheid center opposite the South African embassy in the past year- no one has been arrested- no leads have been found.

The attack on the PAC is an attack on militant resistance to racism and capitalism both here and in South Africa. They need our support. A picket has been organized by the International Socialists at the Attorney General's office to demand justice for the PAC activists.

**CLOSE THE RACIST SOUTH
AFRICAN EMBASSY**

**Wed., Nov. 30, 5.00pm
200 Queen St., City**



International

Day

The end of 1988 is fast approaching, a year that many thought would have been dominated by a feeling of nationalism turned out in that sense to be rather mild.

The public bicentennial events were somewhat of a failure, maybe due to people realising that they couldn't afford the party after all the belt tightening they've had to endure. However on the other hand (or side) private 'functions', such as the congress of the International confederation of "free" trade unions, and the conferences of the International telecommunications union were a success with people from all over the world attending.

A public international event planned for the bicentenary, but not by the bicentenary authority was also a success. It was an international day of support with the Aboriginal people of Australia organised by the Anti BiCentennial Commission (ABCC) of the Anarcho-Syndicalist Federation (ASF). The International Workers Association(IWA) of which the ASF is the Australian section endorsed the international day of support at its 18th congress held in February this year in Bordeaux France.

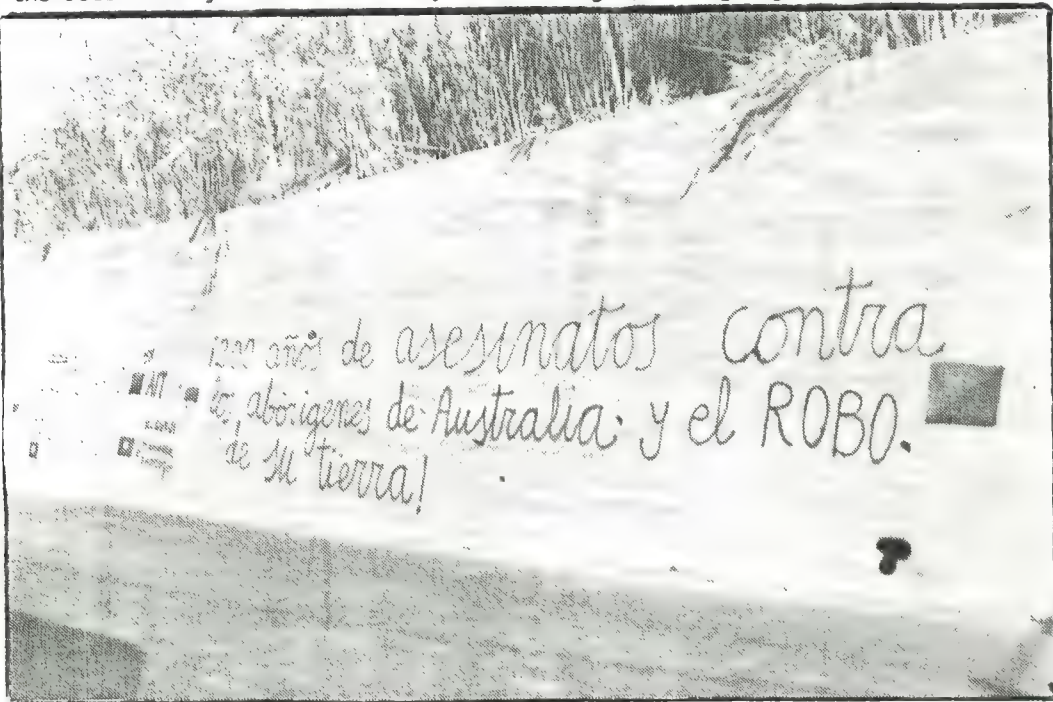
The date was set for the 8th of Sept to coincide with the national Aboriginal week. Since then some news of the actions taken has slowly trickled back.

The ASD, the Danish section of the IWA occupied the Australian embassy raised the Land rights flag and declared the place to be Aboriginal territory. Meanwhile in England members of the South East region of the Direct Action Movement(DAM)/IWA set up flying pickets between the Australia house, and the offices of the different states; Western Australia, Northern territory and Queensland while distributing leaflets explaining the atrocities that Aborigines have and are enduring in the last 200 years. Not too far away from there, in Zaragoza Spain the local CNT/IWA group held a public meeting, sent a telegram of protest to the Australian Embassy and redecorated the city with black, red and yellow graffiti, redecorations also took place in Tarrasa. Closer to home, our Japanese comrades organised in the WSM distributed leaflets while picketing the Australian Embassy, the Qantas airlines office and the Vic state office. They got hearings with an official from the embassy and with the managers of the Qantas office. In

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the evening they held a public meeting. They also translated into Japanese, the ASF produced pamphlet "Whitewash", "Whitewash" is a 44 page booklet retracing the real history of the last 200 years;

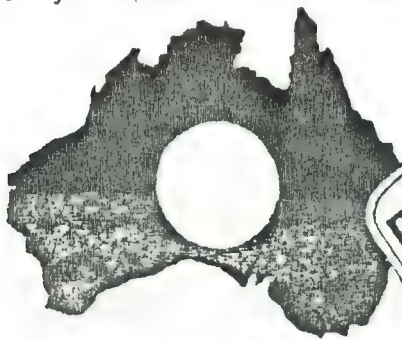
the history of genocide of the Aborigines, and the history of struggle of working people, the kind of things that make a farce of the governments bicentennial slogan, "Living together".



AN EXAMPLE OF SPANISH 'REDECOPATING'!

We also got news that our spanish comrades are looking at 1992 with great interest, not because of the olympics, but because this will be the 500 years celebrations of the "discovery", or should we say invasion, of the american

continent. The Spanish state is already preparing events to celebrate this. Lets hope that we'll be able to participate in those events in the same manner as we did with the bicentennial here.



BRICK THE RICH!!!

The present housing situation in Britain is awful. With Thatcherism into its second decade, the damage has been done and some truly believe it is lost forever.

The early rot set in when council houses were put up for sale some years ago-and it was soon seen that this influx in private ownership was not only increasing the class gap between those who have and have not, but there were less places for the remaining council tenants to choose from, less interest in communal activities and responsibilities within the community and the start of the phenomenon which is tearing the British housing estate apart: the arrival of Public Enemy No.1, the yuppie. With less people and less commitment towards the upkeep of the remaining estates violent crime, mugging, unemptied garbage, leaky pipes and disgusting corridors all add up an incredible decrease in value. Don't be fooled, though, most housing estate tenants would move out of their rat-holes at the earliest possible chance; they have become-as I'm sure Thatcherites could foresee some years ago-almost unliveable. Just the perfect situation for these money hungry parasites called the yuppies to move into. And my god have they moved in. They've torn out the heart of Britain's working class areas-the East End, the Isle of Dogs has now got blocks of million pound yuppie flats. The old pubs have now been burned into nice soft pink brasseries, or wine bars, the cafes and shoe repair shops have been gutted and turned into patchwork cushion shops. The people have been moved to the suburbs such as Dagenham or Barking-uprooted and replanted into areas which for years

have been depressing bleak areas of outer London, and now filled with people who wonder what the fuck is going on, moved away from their schools, their workplace, their history and most of all, their communities.

The yuppies, meanwhile stay in their renovated Cockney flats throughout the week whilst they are working in the city, and then at weekends, go home to their country flats to relax

Friday nights they invite all their yuppie friends into the East End and take them to one of the few remaining Cockney pubs to show them a 'real' Cockney or a 'real' fish and chip shop-it's sick and it's true. The biggest element of yobs now in inner London are the new breed of 'Hooray-hooligans' who all get pissed on champagne and wine and crawl down to the tube to go home, abusing passengers, ripping up seats and assaulting guards and especially single women:



And yet the slaughter continues, with the poll tax which will hit the working class families harder than anyone. The big crunch coming up is the Housing Bill, which, if successful will totally devastate the remaining working class communities in these areas. This bill is to privatise all remaining estates, which will eventually clean up and renovate the slums to an extent where no-one can actually afford to live there. The rents will sky-rocket and once again you-know-who the only people able to afford to live in them will be.....

The Housing Bill is also supporting the business sector of the city-having permanent residence in the city-and those not working or doing

so-called 'soft labour', will be moved out once again to the suburbs and broken away from their roots.

All this is a huge last-ditch effort by Thatcher to eradicate the resistance put up by these people. Most of the riots over the last few years in Britain have taken place inside and out of these estates; they are to Thatcher the last form of organised and united resistance on the mainland. Smash the estate and she will feel that the whole country is within total control.

The Class War movement, the Left, militant and centre, and all forms of resistance groups are fighting as one at the moment to save the community and the housing estates from total privatisation and ultimate isolation. It's a fight that has to be won for the sake of everyone. The squatting movement has gained momentum and is now much more than a statement act—it is an act by families through sheer desperation.

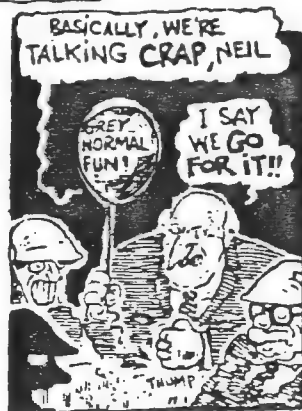
The same yuppie movement and selfish capitalistic attitude is spreading all through the world—Sydney and Melbourne are experiencing it right at this very moment, cheap, working class community areas being bought out by parasites of a new generation. We must crush them as we find them, a knee-jerk reaction once the damage has been done is useless.

Suggested Actions: graffiti or smash houses for auction the night before.

destroy their status symbols—cars, clubs, etc.

let them know there is more to the areas they are moving into than cheap private property.

A constant barrage of action letting them know they are not welcome will in the end, make them fuck off.



The writer of this article has just returned from the U.K. and states that this is his opinion of what is going on and how to resist.

♀ SQUATTING IN GERMANY.

In 1982, about 30 people squatted a big old building in Freiberg, Black Forest in West Germany. They squatted the house because the owner wanted to sell it to the city, to pull it down to build a tourist park.

The rents in Germany, especially in tourist towns like Freiberg are very high, although Freiberg is also a university city. A lot of young people live there and they have to manage their living costs with a little money from the government and they can't afford the rents.

The squatting in the Schloßberggring No. 10 in Freiberg started with wimmin and men-but after half a year the men and wimmin had political problems between themselves. The men were just proud about the squatting and used the house as just as a free living space. But the wimmin wanted the house for political reasons-they were involved in many other wimmin's projects, like political wimmin's refuges and so on.

They tried to speak with the city council, to get the building for a wimmin's centre or a wimmin's house, but the council refused.

The decision for the wimmin was clear-the men had to move out as they wanted their own political living space for themselves.

It was quite easy to separate wimmin and men, because the house was divided into two halves. So one half was for the wimmin and one half for the men.

In 1987 there were a lot of actions and protest from squatters, particularly from the wimmin in Schloßberggring, but still the council

refused the wimmin's house/centre. So in June '87 the police evicted the wimmin in the Schloßberggring with heaps of cops-they needed two helicopters to get into the house.

The wimmin were very well prepared for an eviction-they had very good barricades-the only possibility for the police to get in was through the roof. They used teargas and were really brutal to the wimmin.

In the last years about 12 wimmin lived in the Schloßberggring-all got arrested.

After the eviction we tried to make protest actions all over Germany because we must fight for our space, for our freedom and our fight is everywhere-with the houses, at home, at work, on the streets and we must support each other!

-from a German womyn visiting Australia.



What a rip off!!!

Remember when the Comonwealth bank was going to be privatized? They had lovely little leaflets telling us how caring the 'people's' bank was- how unemployed people were discriminated against at other banks and how, therefore we should all write nasty letters to uncle Bob to stop him selling it off.

Times change quick eh?
Now there's a leaflet in the bank saying that people's whose accounts fall under \$250 each month are going to be charged a surtax of \$1.50 a month! A tax for the poor to prove the government's commitment to social justice, eh? This is basically only being applied to people on the dole, even so bank stands to make an extra \$7.2 mil. each year out of it[b/c 80% of dolees bank at the C'wealth]...

It's great to have a government whose heart is in the right place isn't it?



POLL TAX ACTIONS

The poll tax is to be introduced in Scotland in 89 and England in 1990... although this is some way off - resistance to it grows.

The poll tax is a local tax replacing the existing rates system - but unlike it, the poll tax is not based on the value of your property or your ability to pay. Almost everyone over 18 will have to pay. Different areas will pay different amounts depending on local council spending... councils in inner city areas spend more money on their poorer suburbs



Money kills. Drop a two ton sack of money on somebody's head - you'll see it's true.

Welsh Action Against Land Leeches

According to Echo media London, the Welsh Nationalist group, Sons of Gledower have fire bombed a number of real estate agent offices who were selling welsh cottages as holiday homes for English yuppies...



so poor people will pay more than the rich. Pensioners will not be exempt and people on the dole will have to pay 20% of their dole cheques. Anti- poll tax groups are springing up everywhere with 54 in Glasgow and Edinburgh and 20+ in London. Already the first reports of resistance have come in. On the 19/10/88 in the London suburb of Lambeth, the local Tory councillor was attacked with paint and tomatoes at a debate about the poll tax with the National Prez of Young Labour.

Dear friends in New York City,

After a period of democratisation in social systems, today, again we meet with an attempt to establish by the elites[owners of means of production, information and the police] a new social order, in which there is no place for minorities, the poor, the weak or those who disapprove of the official culture. An example of this kind of gentrification is the attempt to move poor and homeless and alternative culture people out of the Tompkins Square Park and Washington Square Park.

We are against the curfew there and any violence on the side of the police. It is against the basic human and civil rights and even the official slogans about Peace and Democracy declared by the US. We, people who live in a totalitarian country, protest against this retrogression of social life, because this makes your system similar to ours rather than broadening freedom...

WiP[Gdansk] Freedom and Peace
RSA[Gdansk] The Movement for an
Alternative Society.



NYC Tompkins Square Park police riot



a comment by the Neither East Nor West Collective, New York City

Gentrification is a complex subject, but basically it involves dispersing and removing the 'unwanted' poor, minorities etc. from the inner city to make way for more of the upper class [the yuppi phenomenon]. It's most basic form is simple eviction. But it takes additional forms such as the closure of parks to the marginalized. The attempted nighttime closure of Tompkins Park Square was particularly brutal. [the square in New York's lower East Side is historically the home of immigrants, minorities, revolutionaries, artists and the beatnik, hippy and punk sub-cultures.]

On August 6th ['88], 450 riot police - many on horses and one helicopter - savagely beat not only demonstrators but also passersby, tourists and reporters. The war zone - which all have called it - and bloodletting lasted 4 hours, filling nearby hospitals where police ordered personnel not to treat the wounded. The demonstrators though were not passive and kept regrouping to claim their right to the park. The police riot gained national attention. The curfew was lifted but kept on Washington Square Park. Demonstrations and arrests continue, with Mayor Koch, our Jaruzelski - saying the curfew will be reimposed on Tompkins Square after the summer.

This statement has a power beyond the mere symbolic - it produced excitement - the excitement produced by Easterners who with so many problems of their own are still willing to engage in global unity with struggles in the West and the Third world. Their solidarity is already being felt in the growth of those who want to engage in a detente from below movement. The statement was spread at the demo, over the radio and by posters around the Square. Alternative papers have reproduced it along with a call for support for the two groups in a campaign to end Polish travel restrictions.

Eastern Workers - along with their counter parts in the West and the Third World - are also experiencing austerity. Despite localized variations, all on the earth are more and more living within a single generalized political/economic grid, dominated by the monied and powerful. Sustenance surely exists: it's merely a question of who owns and controls it. Economic "restructuring" on the backs of labour, the poor and the starving, gets to the heart of who really controls power within societies. The Detente from below movement could launch a global struggle against this austerity drive.

Imagine coordinated strikes in Gdansk, London, Cape Town, Brisbane, Seoul, La Paz, Belgrade....?

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P.S there were 2 messages from the Gdansk groups, however space only allowed one to be printed

*Gdansk is a city in Poland,

*austerity means 'belt tightening'

[for workers and unemployed people]

*detente is a term used to describe a warming of relations between the East and West block: generally personal links have only been allowed between members of each ruling class .





The only class system you'll encounter when you join the force.

When you join the police, it's who you know that counts.

To us, your social background means everything.

We're very influenced by the colour of your skin,
your class and your attitudes.

If you're black, poor or gay, forget
it: you're the people we harass.

To become a good
police officer, ideally you
have got to be prejudiced,
right-wing, white and a man.
As well as being a
thorough-going bastard.

Have you got a strong fist? Can you beat
people up efficiently? And, most importantly,
can you learn new ways of fighting?

We'll find this out soon enough when you're on the streets.

We'll help you develop from being a human being to a fully fledged robot.

After that, promotion through the ranks is based on performance.

Arrests, masonic handshakes and bigotry all help. Shooting a five year old kid is
another advantage.

We're looking for potential thugs who are quite happy defending the rich and powerful. People who don't mind getting bricked for a man like Murdoch. People who think an early grave is a small price to pay for a smart uniform, a company car and a choice of lethal weapons.

As society disintegrates, you can rest assured that there will always be a future for people like you. If you think you can take it drop us a line and we'll prepare your coffin.

